GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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INSURANCE COVER TO UNORGANISED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing special insurance cover to the employees engaged in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme to the unorganised sector also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented and the number of employees expected to be benefited under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) & (b): The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 applies to factories employing 10 or more persons and certain specified establishments such as shops, hotels & restaurants, cinemas & preview theatres, road motor transport undertaking and newspaper establishments employing 10/20 or more persons. Employees of covered factories/establishment drawing wages upto Rs. 15,000/- are covered under the scheme.

(c) to (e): There is no proposal to extend the provisions of the Act to unorganized sector.